

Arts & Culture

Regional museums:

Fränkisches Freilandmuseum in Bad Windsheim

Eisweiherweg 1 - 91438 Bad Windsheim - 09841 - 66800 - www.freilandmuseum.de

Highlights: The open air museum features approximately 100 rebuilt old Franconian houses, which are separated in different groups and time zones, located along small roads and fields. An herbal pharmacy and exhibitions about the old crafts complete the picture of life in the old times. Special events take place all year long.

Opening Hours: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. (4 p.m. in winter months)

Mid-March – Mid December, Tuesday – Sunday, also all Mondays between June 6 and September 12

Admission: 6 euro for adults, children under six are free; family tickets are available.

Naturkundemuseum Bamberg

Fleischstr. 2 - 96047 Bamberg - 0951-8631249 - www.naturkundemuseum-bamberg.de

Highlights: The museum of natural history in Bamberg is perfect for the friends of geology, mineralogy, paleontology, zoology and pedology.

Opening Hours: Tuesday – Sunday; April – Sep: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Oct – March: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Admission: 2 euro for adults, 1 euro for children; children under six are free.

Rundfunkmuseum Fürth

Kurgartenstraße 37 - 90762 Fürth - 0911 - 756 81 10 - www.rundfunkmuseum.fuerth.de

Highlights: The broadcasting museum has many antique television sets and radios on display that help explain analog media to the visitor.

Opening Hours: Tue – Fri: noon – 5 p.m., Sat & Sun, German holidays: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Admission: 4 euro for adults, 3 euro for children; family tickets are available.

Castle Faber-Castell in Stein

Nürnberger Str. 2 (on B14) – 90546 Stein – 01805- 991761 – www.faber-castell.de

Highlights: The castle of the Faber-Castell family, built in the early 1900s, and the museum “Alte Mine” are available for touring without reservations; groups can book factory tours as well. After WWII the castle served as the press central during the war trials. Ernest Hemingway and John Steinbeck stayed there working as court reporters. Until 1953 it served as a US Officer Club as well as the Station

Opening Hours: Every third Sunday of the month from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Admission: Tickets for the museum “Alte Mine” cost 4 euro, the castle 5 euro, and the combination ticket 7 euro. Coffee and cake are served in the castle’s sun room.

Burgmuseum Pottenstein

Burg Pottenstein - 91278 Pottenstein (Fränkische Schweiz) - 09243-7221 - www.burgpottenstein.de

Highlights: Burg Pottenstein is the oldest castle in the Fränkische Schweiz. Visitors can enjoy the spectacular view of the surrounding landscape, see how people lived and worked in medieval times, look at their sleep and living chambers and visit an exhibition on the Thirty Years' War.

Opening Hours: May – October; Tuesday – Sunday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Admission: 4 euro for adults, 3 euro for children; family tickets are available.

Biermuseum Kulmbach

Bayerisches Brauerei- und Bäckereimuseum Kulmbach e.V. - Tel.: 09221-805-14 - www.bayerisches-brauereimuseum.de

Highlights: The brewery museum is a small specialty museum with a section focusing on the “Art of Making Beer”. With the help of modern technology, relevant information is provided on topics such as: “Beer throughout the Ages”, “Advertising” and “Architecture of historic Breweries”. The visitor is given an insight into the history of beer making during the ages of the ancient Egyptians, Romans, Celts, the Middle Ages and modern times. The “jewel” of the museum is the unique museum brewery, with its glass tubs and shiny copper hoods.

Opening Times: Tuesday – Sunday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Admission: 4.50 euro for adults, 4 euro for children

Levi-Strauss-Museum in Buttenheim

Marktstr. 33 - 96155 Buttenheim - 09545 - 442602 - www.levi-strauss-museum.de

Highlights: Levi Strauss (orig. Löb Strauß), the inventor of the blue jeans, was born in the building that houses his museum.

Opening Hours: Tue, Thur, 2 – 6 p.m., Sat, Sun, German holidays 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Admission: 2.60 euro for adults, 1.30 euro for children

Jüdisches Museum Franken in Fürth

Königstr. 89 - 90762 Fürth - 0911-770577 - www.juedisches-museum.org

Highlights: The Jewish Museum of Franconia in Fürth allows a glimpse at Jewish life in the region.

Opening Hours: Tuesday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Wed- Sun 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed on Mondays.

Museum 3rd Dimension – Science Center in Dinkelsbühl

Nördlinger Tor - 91550 Dinkelsbühl - 09851-6336 - www.3d-museum.de

Highlights: The interactive 3D and science museum features the history of stereoscopy, all kinds of 3D technologies and optical illusions; visitor participation is encouraged. Picture taking and dogs allowed.

Opening Times: daily 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. (April – Sep) and 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. (Oct, Nov)

Admission: 10 euro for adults, 6-8 euro for children; family tickets available; 3D goggles included.

Fränkisches Museum in Feuchtwangen

Museumsstr. 19 - 91555 Feuchtwangen – 09852-2575 - www.fraenkisches-museum.de

Highlights: The Franconian museum exhibits furniture, decorative items, traditional and religious art. Rooms from different eras and special collections complete the picture of the Franconian folklore.

Opening Times: Wed – Sun: 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. (May – Sep) and 2 – 5 p.m. (March, April, Oct – Dec)

Admission: 3 euro for adults.

Stadtmuseum Schwabach

Museumsstraße 1 (former Kaserne - enter Dr.-Haas-Straße) - 91126 Schwabach - www.schwabach.de

Highlights: City history, soap making or a historical gold-beater workshop, as well as the world's largest collection of Fleischmann toys and model trains can be explored in the city museum of Schwabach.

Opening Times: Wed – Sun: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Admission: 4 euro for adults, 2.50 euro for children.

Museum für historische Maybach-Fahrzeuge Neumarkt

Neumarkt i.d. Oberpfalz - www.automuseum-maybach.de

Highlights: The Maybach museum is all about the Swabian luxury car; about 20 original vehicles from the early 20th century are on display.

Opening Times: Tue – Sun: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Admission: 9 euro for adults, 5 euro for children; family tickets available.

Kriminalmuseum Rothenburg

Burggasse 3-5 - 91541 Rothenburg o.d.T. – 09861-5359 - www.kriminalmuseum.rothenburg.de

Highlights: The Medieval Crime Museum gives you a unique and complete glance at more than thousand years of legal history. Shown is the development of jurisprudence to the 19th century. The exhibits include instruments of torture, items used in the execution of sentences, costly books, graphic arts, documents of emperors, princes, the nobility and towns. Also included are coats of arms, seals, crafts, trades and patents of the nobility.

Opening Times: Times vary, depending on the season; during summer the museum is open daily 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Admission: 4 euro for adults, 2.40 euro for children; family tickets available.

Auto & Technik Museum Sinsheim

Museumsplatz - 74889 Sinsheim - 07261-9299-0 – www.sinsheim.technik-museum.de

Highlights: The exhibitions include a genuine Concorde from Air France and the Russian Tupolev TU-144, more than 300 classic cars, 200 motorcycles, 40 racing cars, the largest permanent formula-1 exhibition in Europe, 60 airplanes, 20 locomotives, a military section and much more. Also featured is the IMAX 3D giant screen theater, open 365 days of the year. Films start every hour and are shown in German language.

Opening Times: 365 days a year; Mon – Fri: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Sat & Sun 9 a.m. -7 p.m.

Admission: 14 euro for adults, 12 euro for children; IMAX admission is extra; different combination tickets are available.

Technik Museum Speyer

Am Technik Museum 1 - 67346 Speyer - 06232-6708-0 - www.speyer.technik-museum.de

Highlights: On display is a variety of masterpieces of technology to be found nowhere else. Apart from large collection of aircraft, classic cars, locomotives and fire engines, some of the highlights include an original BURAN space shuttle, the largest space flight exhibition in Europe, a Boeing 747 Jumbo Jet, the submarine U9, a former German Navy submarine and a gigantic Russian Antonov AN-22 cargo plane. In the Museum Wilhelmsbau you can admire a unique collection of automatic musical instruments and much more. Also featured is an IMAX 3D theater, open 365 days of the year.

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